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Title: Need to set up a rural medical college in Murshidabad district of West Bengal-laid.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMPUR): District Murshidabad in West Bengal contains the highest density of Muslim population in India. It is also revealed in recent survey that 52% population of this district remains below the poverty line. Infant mortality rate of the district is quite high. The health infrastructure of this district needs a lot of improvement. The doctors even after being posted in rural area are not available in the hospitals.

The poor people of Murshidabad district are left at the mercy of quacks and other informal practitioners resulting in serious health risks.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government of India to take special initiatives to deploy rural doctors by establishing medical colleges in India. I would request the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to set up one rural medical college in this district.